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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF THREATENED PRESIDENTIAL

VETO ON TURKISH AID ITEM

1. ALL ATHENS NEWSPAPERS OCTOBER 2 GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO VETO CRA IF SENATOR EAGLETON AMENDMENT INCLUDED. PREDICTABLY, PRESS HERE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO USE OF PRESIDENTIAL VETO FOR THIS PURPOSE. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES FOLLOW: APOYEVMATINI - "KISSINGER PRESSURES FORD TO FAVOR TURKEY"; TA NEA - "PROVIDING ARMS TO TURKEY IS UNFORGIVABLE"; VRADYN - "WILL FORD DARE TO USE VETO IN ORDER TO AID TURKEY"? AKROPOLIS - "FORD THREATENS TO USE VETO TO AID TURKEY"; ATHINAIKI - "PRESIDENT FORD WILL EXERCISE VETO SO THAT TURKS WILL NOT BE DISPLEASED"; KATHIMERINI - "DESPITE VETO THREAT OF PRESIDENT FORD, SENATE VOTED TO CUT OFF AID".

2. SEVERAL NEWS ACCOUNTS STRESSED FACT THAT SENATE HAD SUPPORTED EAGLETON AMENDMENT BY A "CRUSHING" MAJORITY. REPORTS INCLUDE REFERENCE TO REPORTED "DISAPPOINTMENT" EXPRESSED BY GOG FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS OVER PRESIDENT'S VETO THREAT.

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